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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PHOTOS OF SOLOMENTSEV DELEGATION. WE ARE POUCHING  
TO MATLOCK ON JANUARY 20 FOURTEEN SETS OF USIA PHOTOS TAKEN  
DURING THE NOVEMBER 1977 VISIT TO THE US OF THE SOLOMENTSEV  
DELEGATION.

2. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A SKOUG DEMARCHE TO  
MANZHULO AND HOPE TO HAVE AN ANSWER TOMORROW. WE CONSIDERED  
ALSO CALLING IN MKRTUMOV, BUT I HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS BECAUSE  
THAT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT EQUIVALENT TO SKOUG'S BEING CALLED IN  
BY FEDOSEYEV, FOLLOWING UP THE DISCUSSION WITH BROWN.  
PERHAPS WE CAN DO IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEXT TRADE FACILI-  
TATION MEETING HELD HERE, AND INFORMALLY AT NEXT CHANCE.

3. AS YOU MAY HAVE PERCEIVED, EVERY ASPECT OF THE PNG CASE  
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--INCLUDING PRESS GUIDANCE -- RECEIVED THE CLOSEST  
SCRUTINY, IN THIS BUILDING AND ELSEWHERE. FROM ELSEWHERE  
I WAS REMINDED (SUPERFLUOUSLY) NOT TO FORGET TO MENTION  
HOW FIRMLY WE WOULD REACT IN CASE OF ANOTHER ROUND. TIMES  
HAVE CHANGED.

4. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING TELEGRAM ON MILITARY EXCHANGES

WHICH DOD ASKED US TO TRANSMIT. ALTHOUGH WE GO ALONG WITH GENERAL CONTENT OF THAT MESSAGE, THERE ARE CLEARLY ASPECTS THAT WE NEED TO RAISE WITH AMBASSADOR TOON WHEN HE RETURNS HERE FROM FLORIDA.

5. VISA OFFICE TODAY AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR BOGDANOV AND PARTY, INCLUDING DENISENKO. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT BOGDANOV WAS A CLOSE CALL IN INS, ALTHOUGH DECISION WAS MADE ON BASIS OF OUR MEMO WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR UNUSUAL INTERVENTIONS FROM OUR SIDE. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A MINOR SPATE OF PUBLICITY ON A NEW BOOK BY BARRON AND ON FBI CONCERN OVER LARGE NUMBERS OF "AGENTS" PRESUMED HERE AS A RESULT OF EXPANDED TRAVEL OF SOVIETS.

6. RE RICHMOND-VENEDIKTOV LETTER (MOSCOW 551), OUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO RICHMOND'S ATTENTION DIRECTLY AND HE HAS AGREED TO RECONSIDER. HE KNOWS LETTER IS BEING HELD BY EMBASSY AND WILL GET BACK TO US.  
CHRISTOPHER

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